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SUBJECT: EGYPTIAN PRESS COVERAGE OF ME NEGOTIATING SCENE

1. EGYPTIAN DAILES DECEMBER 16 REPORTED WITHOUT COMMENT THAT ASST SECRETARY ATHERTON WILL VISIT CAIRO ON DECEMBER 21 AND MEET WITH DEP PRIMIN/FONMIN FAHMY AS SPECIAL ENVOY FROM SECRETARY KISSINGER. PAPERS MENTION THAT ATHERTON WILL ALSO VISIT SAUDI ARABIA, JORDAN, SYRIA, AND ISRAEL DURING ME TRIP. ONLY AKHBAR GIVES SOURCE OF ITEM: DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN FUNSETH IN WEST GERMANY. (COMMENT: LOCAL PRESS CORRESPONDENTS HAVE ALREADY BEGUN ASK US IF ATHERTON CARRYING NEW INITIATIVE ON ME. WE ARE FOLLOWING PRESS GUIDANCE SECTO24086.)

2. EGYPTIAN PRESS ALSO FEATURES FRONT-PAGE COVERAGE (BUT OVERSHADOWED BY NEWS OF DEPARTURE OF FRENCH PRESIDENT GISCARD D'ESTAING) OF LETTER BY PRESIDENT FORD TO ISRAELI PRIMIN RABIN REQUESTING CONSULTATIONS IN FUTURE PRIOR TO ANY ISRAELI RETALIATORY AIR STRIKES INTO LEBANON AGAINST PLO. ARTICLES, DATE-LINED TEL AVIV, CONTAIN NO COMMENTARY AND MENTION THAT

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PRESIDENT FORD ALSO PLEDGED IN RABIN LETTER TO BLOCK ANY

ARAB ATTEMPT DURING JANUARY UNSC ME DEBATE TO CHANGE NATURE
OF UNSC RESOLUTIONS 242 OR 338.

3. GUMHURIYYA DECEMBER 16 CARRIES FRONT-PAGE ITEM REPORTING
CRITICISM OF RABIN GOVERNMENT BY FORMER ISRAELI FONMIN EBAN
FOR REFUSAL TO HOLD ANY DIALOGUE WITH PALESTINIANS. GUMHURIYYA
ALSO QUOTES VOICE OF AMERICA TO EFFECT THAT US WILL PARTICIPATE
IN UNSC ME DEBATE JANUARY 12 AND THAT, DESPITE NEGATIVE
STAND BY ISRAEL ON QUESTION OF PARTICIPATION OF PLO, THERE
ARE INDICATIONS OF MORE MODERATE TENDENCY AMONG SOME ISRAELI
LEADERS. DAILES ALSO REPORT PRESENCE OF ISRAELI DEFMIN PERES
IN US. AKHBAR REPORTS PERES COMMENT TO US TELEVISION
THAT ISRAEL WOULD DEAL WITH PLO ONLY WHEN IT DROPPED "HOSTILE"
ATTITUDE TO ISRAEL. GUMHURIYYA SPECULATES THAT PERES WOULD
USE EGYPTIAN-FRENCH AGREEMENT ON FUTURE ARMS PRODUCTION AS
BASIS FOR ADDITIONAL ISRAELI REQUESTS FOR US ARMS.

4. COMMENT: ALTHOUGH EGYPTIAN DAILIES DO CARRY
ARTICLES ON ME NEGOTIATING DEVELOPMENTS, IMPRESSION EMERGES THAT
PRESS COVERAGE ESSENTIALLY ATMOSPHERIES DURING PERIOD OF
MARKING TIME. EGYPTIAN PRESS LOUDLY TRUMPETED EGYPTIAN
INITIATIVES AT UN DURING AFTERMATH OF ISRAELI AIR RAIDS INTO
LEBANON DECEMBER 2, BUT, AFTER 'ID AL-ADHA, NEWSPAPERS APPEAR
TO BE WAITING FOR SOMETHING NEW TO DEVELOP.
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